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Look at those Smiles

Hope Coker, a senior at Nicholas County High School was crowned Snow Queen at the 1991 Lions Club Christmas Parade on Saturday night pictured at the top left. Crystal Hill was crowned Snow Flake on Saturday night also in the Christmas Parade. Crystal is eighth grader at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

Flu closes school for three days

**By Pam Bowles
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff**

CARLISLE — Nicholas County Schools Superintendent Cabot Gilbert made the decision Tuesday morning to close the Nicholas County School System down until Monday morning because of an out break of the flu and strep throat.

Gilbert said, Monday night at the Nicholas County School Board meeting the school was operating at 93 percent attendance on Thursday and 91 percent on Friday.

Monday morning 169 students from elementary were absent and 65 from the high school and by the end of the day 265 children were absent for a 79.4 percent.

Gilbert said, "The school loses \$16 per student per day for each student who is absent."

"On an average the school loses about \$1000 a day if the system is operating at 94.5 percent, but on Monday the school lost \$4240 due the absences."

Gilbert said, he was in hope the students would be able to stay in school this week, but the school cannot afford to continue.

The board decided to hold interviews with potential architect candidates for the purpose of constructing a new area at the front of the high school building.

January 8 and 15 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. has been set to

talk to four architects.

If the school is unable to get enough commission money to begin construction on a new school the architect they hire would not receive any money.

Gilbert said the board needed to act quickly so the school system can show the needs it has to apply to the state for the commission money which is given to school districts each year.

Gilbert said, the higher the need the school has the better chance it will get a larger percentage of the commission money.

So Gilbert wanted the school board to have a committee lined up from high school and from the community to be on the committee. Ake Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid, other facility members, and two students would be on the committee to choose the type of facility they want to have and get input from the architect.

There had been concern over the students being unable to use the phone after school hours. Reid and Assistant Principal Ron Baker decided to move the phone to the area at the front of the high school building.

There are lights, heat, a

chair, and a sign outside stating there is a phone inside.

In other business the board approved to recognize the 201 Engineering Battalion Guard as a volunteer organization

**By Josh Shephard
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CARLISLE — Kentucky State Police are investigating the shooting death of a Cane Run man whose body was discovered after an extensive search early Monday evening.

According to reports by Kentucky State Police and authorities involved with the case, John S. Bromagen, 76, of 266 Cane Run Road was seen leaving his home Monday afternoon equipped with a single shot 12-gauge shotgun possibly meant for small game hunting at the back of his farm.

As hours passed and Bromagen had not yet returned home, a party of friends and neighbors nearby were dispatched throughout the area to search for the missing man.

However, soon after it began searchers reported they could not find Bromagen anywhere on the property. Concern for Bromagen's welfare became much more serious when some neighbors did report hearing two shots fired earlier that day, one described

as a clear shot and the other considerably more muffled.

The search grew more frantic and intense as the afternoon gave way to nightfall and Bromagen had not either come home or been discovered anywhere on the farm. Bromagen's wife, Geneva S. Bromagen, called for help.

Soon the search party grew to include state police officer Tim Layne, Nicholas County Sheriff Charles Ring, Nicholas County Ambulance Service and members of the Nicholas County Fire Department and rescue squad.

Soon after authorities were dispatched into the area, Bromagen's body was discovered lying in a narrow ditch down a hollow at the back of his farm with an apparent shotgun wound just below his chest and an exit wound beneath his arm.

Nicholas County Coroner Taylor Mathers received a call to come out to Cane Run road at approximately 8:38 p.m. to make his determination. Bromagen was pronounced dead at 8:55 due to the gunshot wound to his chest.

providing services to the school system for insurance

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Cane Run man found shot

However, the manner of his death is still under speculation.

When the body was found, the shotgun Bromagen carried with him was missing and no shells were found anywhere on Bromagen's body. The ensuing search of the area for the shotgun proved fruitless.

Mathers ordered an autopsy and turned the matter over to authorities before making a final determination as to the nature of Bromagen's death.

The shotgun was discovered later on Tuesday morning by state police reportedly some 200 yards away from where Bromagen was found.

According to authorities, one spent shell was found on the ground near where the shotgun was located. Another empty shell was still inside the gun.

Although nothing has been ruled out, police and other investigative authorities said nothing conclusive has been determined from the facts, although foul play has been ruled out.

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Hey kids, write Santa

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, The Carlisle Mercury will again publish letters to Santa this Christmas season.

Youngsters are invited to write Santa, in care of The Mercury, telling what they want him to bring them for Christmas. Mothers and fathers may help the kids send along their wishes.

Grown-ups are encouraged to participate by sending us their remembrances of Christmas past or whatever might be appropriate during the holiday season. Letters will appear in issues prior to Christmas, hopefully all at one time depending on the amount we receive.

Deadline for letters to Santa is December 18. So get busy, it's later than you think.

At council meeting Complaints made to cable company

**By Josh Shephard
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The Carlisle Mercury/Pam Bowles Photo

Carlisle Mayor Frank Hughes expressed deep dissatisfaction to representatives of Simmons Cable Television regarding the quality of service rendered to Carlisle subscribers versus the company's corresponding hike in basic cable rates.

Gene Hardy, responding to a request by Hughes to appear at December's regular city council meeting, listened as the mayor complained of several instances when the cable system in Carlisle was shut off. Hughes claimed that the

complaints made to cable company

had been off approximately four times in the past week, a problem which has been a constant frustration for Carlisle cable viewers.

Hughes also claimed that the cable had not been transmitting for nearly two days at the Nicholas County Hospital. In this instance, Hughes said, he had called the Simmons Cable office to complain and was given the runaround when he asked to speak to Simmons' general manager.

Given such poor service, Hughes expressed many reservations he has concerning Simmons' announced plans to increase the basic cable rate an additional \$3.95 at the start of 1992.

Hughes' complaints stemmed from the previous council meeting in which council was informed that Simmons planned to add two new channels to Carlisle's system. The Weather Channel and the QVC Home Shopping network.

"I am personally disappointed in the additional channels you have offered us. The Weather channel doesn't seem to me to be a channel anyone will watch for any period of time."

"And I am personally opposed to a 24-hour home shopping network offering products when we have private businesses here for people to do their shopping. I think these are poor choices for people whom you are asking to pay so much for your service," Hughes said.

Hardy responded to each complaint, first correcting what he claimed had been mistaken information sent to Carlisle subscribers.

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